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Effective 26 August 1948 the German Administration of Interior will assume full control over Soviet Sector Berlin Kripo (Kriminal Polizei) which will be placed directly under the Zonenkriminalamt. The Berlin Kripo will be designated as a Kriminalamt with the functions and authority of the Landeskriminalanter in the Soviet Zone. After the West in Allies leave Berlin, the Landeskriminalamt-Potsdam for Land Grandenburg will be dissolved and its functions will be taken over by the Kriminalamt-Berlin and the Zonenkriminalamt. Convent: These developments are similar to the pre-war police practice

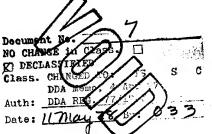
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then Berlin controlled the police affairs of Province Brandenburg. Berlin is designated as a Kriminalamt, oritting the prefix Land, because the SED vanted to avoid the suggestion of a tacit endorsement of the Berlin Magistrat plans to declare Berlin, in view of its special significance, as having the status of a Land in a future German federation.)

Alfred Schönherr, former head of Abteilung K, GAI, will set up and head the Zonenkriminalant, which will be located in Berlin.

3. 25X1A6a No such action for the Berlin Schupe (Schutz Polizei) is as yet planned. Comment: The above information is yet another indication that the SMA is proceeding on the assumption that the split of Berlin is final. Despite loud propaganda to the contrary, the Soviets, by forcing through moves on the police and the Magistrat, are committed to irrevocable division of the city. The unified city administration and the police are disintegrating while negotiations continue in Moscov to restore the status quo.)



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